

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

News media should not be run by special interest groups and corporations looking to own stations in every part of the country. This is not right. It is not the right path to take in this country, to allow this to happen. We are losing the presence of truth. What a sad time in our country and the FCC will be remembered for its bad decisions. Thank you.